

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 424
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bryant Coker, 2005
Valedictorian of Portland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Coker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Bryant Coker has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Coker has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous school clubs and organizations, including the Student Council, National Honor Society, Beta Club, National Council for the Social Studies, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Math Team; and

WHEREAS, excelling on the field of play as well as in the classroom, Bryant Coker has ably represented the Panthers of Portland High as an All-County member of the Tennis team and as a member of the bowling team, in addition to competing with the Academic/Quiz Bowl Team and the Science Olympiad; and

WHEREAS, a truly gifted young man who is a member of Mensa, Mr. Coker was named to the National Honor Roll, recognized as an All-American Scholar, selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and received the USAA National Student Council Award; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among his peers, Bryant Coker was a delegate to American Legion Boys State, participated in the Governor's School for the Sciences, received the Danforth Award and was named a Gatorade Will to Win Athlete; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Bryant has participated in a cornucopia of community activities, including Portland Cares, Teen Court of Sumner County, Historical Society Festival, Strawberry Stride/Festival, Operation Christmas, Church Youth Choir and the Children of Afghanistan Fund to cite just a few; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Coker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Bryant Coker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Portland High School Valedictorian, Bryant Coker, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.